

A special meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order by Mayor Rosemarie Ives at 7:03 p.m., pursuant to notice, in the Council Chamber. Councilmembers present were: Allen, Cole, Marchione, McCormick, Resha, Robinson, and Vache.

PUBLIC HEARING (CONTINUATION) - RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER ORDINANCE

Todd Short, Assistant Fire Marshall, presented a video of a controlled burn utilizing sprinklered and non-sprinklered structures.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Sue Stewart, 10711 183 NE, encouraged the Council to move forward with the Fire Sprinkler Ordinance because of the tangible and intangible benefits to the community.

James Kerby, 2055 Faben Drive, Mercer Island, representative of Norris Homes, opposed the adoption of the Fire Sprinkler Ordinance. He said the International Fire Code does not require sprinklers and the cost of sprinklers is prohibitive.

Warren Shill, 18114 67 Avenue W, Lynnwood, spoke in support of the Fire Sprinkler Ordinance, saying it would save lives and provide a holistic approach to fire safety.

Mike Miller, 14410 Bel-Red Road, Bellevue, representing Murray Franklin, presented several scenarios of the costs of installing fire sprinklers in new homes. He asked if developers could seek relief from other City imposed standards if fire sprinklers were included in home construction as there needs to be some balance in regulations.

Michael Tenhusan, 8550 164 Avenue NE, urged the Council to make fire sprinklers an optional item; letting people take responsibility for their own safety.

David Hoffman, 335 116 Avenue SE, Bellevue, Master Builders Association, encouraged the Council to look at how the proposed regulation would impact cottage housing, accessory dwelling units and smaller homes as well as increased costs new homebuyers will face.

Todd Short, Assistant Fire Marshall, presented a video of Redmond's demonstration of a controlled burn comparing sprinklered and non-sprinklered rooms.

Scott Thomasson, Utility Engineering Manager, reviewed water connection charges and rate issues for single family homes under the proposed fire sprinkler regulations.

The City Council engaged in a general discussion of the impacts of the proposed ordinance on accessory dwelling units, possible reductions in requirements for developers if fire sprinklers were installed in new construction and inspection workload.

Mr. Short explained the ordinance would need to be presented to the State Building Code Council for approval before it would be effective.

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Mr. Robinson to table the discussion on the Residential Fire Sprinkler Ordinance until January 9, 2007. Motion passed unanimously (7 - 0).

James Kerby, 2055 Faben Drive, Mercer Island, representative of Norris Homes, explained Norris Homes had appealed the ordinance passed in the City of Kent and fire sprinkler ordinances have to be approved by the State Building Code Council.

Mike Miller, 14410 Bel-Red Road, Bellevue, representing Murray Franklin, expressed his concern Council was not getting specific enough answers with regard to mitigation measures.

Stan Amas, 7102 180 Avenue NE, encouraged the Council to consider the potential for fire spreading given the proximity within which houses are being built.

Mayor Ives continued the Public Hearing until 7:30 p.m. on January 9, 2007.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further testimony, Mayor Ives adjourned the special meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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